

1 I claim:

2       **1.** An apparatus for discretely and securely sending and  
3 receiving messages on post cards comprising:

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5 a generally flat planar post card message cover having a rear side  
6 and a front side and being sized to fit onto and cover at  
7 least a portion of one side of a post card and the message  
8 written thereon;

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10 at least one adhesive means mounted on said rear side of said post  
11 card message cover for securely attaching said post card  
12 message cover to a post card in generally parallel contact  
13 therewith with said rear side of said post card message cover  
14 adjacent the post card;

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16 said post card message cover further including a generally opaque  
17 message revealing panel section positioned on said post card  
18 message cover, said message revealing panel section operative  
19 to removably cover a message printed on the post card, said  
20 message revealing panel section being movable between a  
21 message covering position releasably connected and aligned  
22 generally coplanar with said post card message cover and a  
23 message revealing position permitting viewing of a message  
24 printed on the post card.

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26       **2.** The apparatus for discretely and securely sending and  
27 receiving messages on post cards of claim **1** wherein said adhesive  
28 means comprises at least one adhesive strip mounted on said rear

1 side of said post card message cover adjacent an outer edge thereof  
2 for securing said post card message cover on a post card.

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4       **3.** The apparatus for discretely and securely sending and  
5 receiving messages on post cards of claim **2** wherein said adhesive  
6 means comprises a plurality of adhesive strips mounted to said rear  
7 side of said post card message cover on the periphery thereof, and  
8 a plurality of protective strips mounted on and operative to  
9 generally cover said plurality of adhesive strips prior to the  
10 affixing of said post card message cover to a post card thereby  
11 preventing said plurality of adhesive strips from affixing to  
12 extraneous materials prior to being affixed to a post card.

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14       **4.** The apparatus for discretely and securely sending and  
15 receiving messages on post cards of claim **1** wherein said message  
16 revealing panel section on said post card message cover is formed  
17 thereon by a series of spaced perforations formed in said post card  
18 message cover which extend therethrough such that said message  
19 revealing panel section is separable from said post card message  
20 cover along at least a portion thereof while the remainder of said  
21 post card message cover remains affixed to the post card, thereby  
22 revealing a written message on the post card.

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24       **5.** The apparatus for discretely and securely sending and  
25 receiving messages on post cards of claim **4** wherein said series of  
26 perforations extend in a generally continuous, generally  
27 rectangular form further including a thumb slot formed in said  
28 series of perforations operative to facilitate the separation of

1 said message revealing panel section from said post card message  
2 cover along said series of perforations.

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1       6.    A method of sending and receiving a post card with a  
2 message comprising the steps:

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4 providing a post card with a message printed thereon;

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6 providing a generally flat planar post card message cover having an  
7 rear side and a front side and including a generally  
8 rectangular generally opaque cover plate sized to fit onto and  
9 cover at least a portion of one side of said post card and the  
10 message written thereon;

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12 providing at least one adhesive means mounted on said rear side of  
13 said post card message cover;

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15 providing a generally opaque message revealing panel section  
16 positioned on said post card message cover, said message  
17 revealing panel section operative to removably cover a message  
18 printed on the post card, said message revealing panel section  
19 being movable between a message covering position releasably  
20 connected and aligned generally coplanar with said post card  
21 message cover and a message revealing position permitting  
22 viewing of a message printed on the post card;

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24 covering said message on said post card with said post card message  
25 cover;

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27 attaching said post card message cover to said post card via said  
28 at least one adhesive means with said rear side of said post

1 card message cover adjacent and in generally parallel contact  
2 with said post card;

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4 sending said attached post card message cover and said post card to  
5 a recipient;

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7 receiving said attached post card message cover and said post card;  
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10 moving said message revealing panel section of said post card  
11 message cover from said message covering position to said  
12 message revealing position thereby permitting viewing of said  
13 message printed on said post card.

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15 **7.** The method of claim **6** further comprising the step of  
16 providing a series of perforations surrounding said message  
17 revealing panel section to facilitate at least partial separation  
18 of said message revealing panel section from said post card message  
19 cover.

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21 **8.** The method of claim **7** further comprising after receiving  
22 said attached post card message cover and said post card, the step  
23 of separating said message revealing panel section from said post  
24 card message cover along said series of perforations while the  
25 remainder of said post card message cover remains adjacent said  
26 post card.